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ANC Acquires Oshkosh Striker Fire Trucks

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(Anchorage)— The Airport Police and Fire Department at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC) today announced the arrival of two new Oshkosh Striker fire trucks. These trucks are the first new truck acquisitions for the department since 1991. They are equipped to hold 4,500 gallons of water, 540 gallons of foam, and 450 pounds of dry chemical extinguishing agent.

These aircraft rescue and firefighting vehicles are equipped with all of the latest technology. One of the trucks is equipped with an extendable roof turret called a “snuzzle”. This device allows firefighters to use an elevated fire stream to easily reach areas on an aircraft that are difficult with conventional turrets. The end of this extendable turret is also equipped with a piercing nozzle which allows firefighters to puncture into an aircraft and discharge water and agent inside the aircraft in the event of an interior fire.

The trucks are also equipped with GPS and infrared systems that will assist firefighters responding in inclement weather and low visibility situations.

“The arrival of these trucks has significantly expanded the capabilities of the airport police and fire department and enhanced the safety of the traveling public,” said Airport Director Morton V. Plumb Jr. The Airport is expecting a third Oshkosh 4500 this month and is looking to order three more in the future.

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